

# Astoria First United Methodist Church

May 16, 2021

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## *Seventh Sunday after Easter*

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** **Kristin Hammond**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Mary Frances Gunn**

**CENTERING MUSIC** *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* **Kristin Hammond**

**WORDS OF WELCOME** **Pastor Michael**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Gloria Jones**

Like trees planted by streams of water, those who delight in God’s ways will not wither. They flourish and bear fruit appropriate to each season. Through seasons of justice or compassion, seasons of change or of rest. With wisdom and discernment, they blossom, and they bloom. Abundant is the harvest of those who trust in God. Blessed is the community that follows the call of love. **AMEN**

**OPENING PRAYER** **Pastor Michael**

**NT SCRIPTURE READING** *“Acts 1:15-17, 21-26”* **Gloria Jones**

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” So, one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** **Kristin Hammond**

*“Meditation on All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”*

**PSALTER READING***“Psalm 1”***Gloria Jones**

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION****Pastor Michael****SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(read by the liturgist)***Gloria Jones**

You call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice, God Most High. We watch our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you. We are hesitant to witness to your power from on high, as we are uncertain of your presence in our lives. Forgive us, God of Light. Fill us with the healing presence of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your good news, as we participate in the life and suffering of our world, as did your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION****WORDS OF ASSURANCE:***(read by the liturgist)***Gloria Jones**

Choosing to set aside judgment, God gives us justice; choosing to let go of punishment, God fills us with peace; choosing to release anger, God's steadfast love rests upon us. Forgiven, redeemed, restored—we will tell everyone, through the lives we lead, what God has done for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**EPISTLE READING***“1 John 1:15-23”***Gloria Jones**

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD****Pastor Michael**

The call to discipleship is a call to community. It asks for our willingness to fully embrace the gifts and challenges enfolded of living as spiritual family, baptized into eternal kinship. With gratitude for this community and all those with whom we share life, let us bring what we have together.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

<b>HYMN OF PREPARATION</b>	<i>(vs 1-4)</i> <b><i>“I Know Whom I Have Believed”</i></b> <b><i>(Projected on Screen by Power Point)</i></b>	<b>Congregation</b> <b>UMH #714</b>
<b>GOSPEL LESSON</b>	<b><i>“John 17:6-19”</i></b>	<b>Pastor Michael</b>
<b>SERMON</b>	<b><i>“Have My Joy In You”</i></b>	<b>Pastor Michael</b>
<b>JOYS AND CONCERNS</b>		<b>Mary Frances Gunn</b>
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		<b>Pastor Michael</b>
<b>LORD’S PRAYER</b>		<b>Pastor Michael</b>
<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN</i>		
<b>BENEDICTION:</b>		<b>Pastor Michael</b>

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC  
as they join us for worship.**

**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.  
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.  
If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.  
We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**